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(6) the revised cost after abolition and stoppage of regrouping should not exceed the actual expenditure incurred in 1923-24 plus jamabandi and travelling allowances;

(7) the question of abolition of these allowances should be considered;

(8) the numbers of the menial staff should be limited to administrative requirements; and

(9) the necessity for paying Rs. 10 to menials in Malabar and South Kanara as against Rs. 8 paid elsewhere should be examined.

## APPENDIX II.

[Vide item III Communications to the Council at page 230 supra.]

As promised by the hon. Sir Arthur Knapp, in the course of the discussions connected with question No. 926 about the Agency Fituri asked by Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 16th October 1924, the following statements are laid on the table:—

## Statement No. I.

		Remarks.
Number of persons removed from the Agency under the Madras State Prisoners Regulation of 1819 and the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Act of 1839 and detained in Jails or under surveillance.	62	Of these, 60 have been released, and the cases of the remaining two are under consideration.

## Statement No. II.

Number of persons prosecuted in Courts—				
Transported for life	...	...	...	11
Imprisoned	...	...	...	231
Fined	...	...	...	9
Acquitted	...	...	...	7
Discharged on withdrawal of case	...	...	...	11
Awaiting trial	...	...	...	48 *

## APPENDIX III.

[Vide Order of the day No. VI at page 257 supra.]

BILL No. 3 OF 1924.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE BILL TO  
AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES AND  
LOCAL BOARDS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1921.

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

WE, the members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1921, have the honour to submit the following report.

\* Includes 43 rebels concerned in one case.

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2. The Bill was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English on the 19th February 1924, and in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kanarese and Hindustani on the 4th March 1924.

3. The Committee met on Friday the 17th October 1924, and the members present were—

- (1) The hon. the Raja of Panagal (*Chairman*),
- (2) M.R.Ry. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar,
- (3) „ Mahabala Hegde, and
- (4) „ S. Arpudaswami Udayar.

4. Mr. Venkataramana Ayyangar raised the question of repealing the entire Act. This was not accepted by the Committee. His suggestions that members of taluk and union boards should be excluded from the operation of the Act and that a member may be allowed to take the oath or affirmation at either of the first two meetings which he attends were not accepted.

5. The Committee decided that an addition be made to section 2 (2) of the Act similar to that made to section 4 (2)—vide clause 3 of the Bill as also the consequential drafting alterations.

6. A copy of the Bill as amended by the Committee is appended. The Committee considers it unnecessary to republish the Bill as no material alteration affecting any fundamental principle has been made in the Bill.

P. RAMARAYANINGAR.

T. R. V. SASTRI.

C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR.

MAHABALA HEGDE.

S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR.

C. NATESA MUDALIYAR.

P. C. N. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU.

[NOTE.—The alterations made by the Select Committee are printed in clarendon type.]

BILL No. 3 OF 1924.

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**BILL**

TO

*Amend the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1921.*

[Bill as amended by the Select Committee.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1921, <sup>Madras Act</sup> II of 1922,



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And whereas the previous sanction of the Governor-General has been obtained under section 80-A (3) of the Government of India Act to the passing of this Act; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards Further (Amendment) Act, 1924.

2. In sub-section (2) of section 2 of the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1921 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), after the words 'term of office commences' the words 'or at one of the first three meetings held after the said date' shall be inserted.

3. Section 3 of the said Act shall be omitted.

4. In sub-section (2) of section 4 of the said Act after the words 'term of office commences' the words 'or at one of the first three meetings held after the said date' shall be inserted.

5. For section 5 of the said Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"5. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, or the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, or any other law for the time being in force, no person who has been elected or appointed a councillor or a member of a local board or who has become an ex-officio member of a local board shall take his seat at a meeting of the council or the local board or do any act as such councillor or member unless he has made the oath or affirmation as laid down in this Act."

6. After section 5 of the said Act, the following section shall be added, namely:—

"6. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian Oaths Act, 1873."